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**Invitation to the European Defence Roundtable
25 April 2017, Malta**

Hon. Member of Parliament,

It is with great pleasure that the Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) and the Munich Security Conference (MSC), **under the patronage of Her Excellency Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, the President of Malta**, invite you to a joint high-level event on European Defence. This European Defence Roundtable will be hosted at the prestigious Verdala Palace in Malta on 25 April 2017, on the eve of the informal meeting of EU defence ministers hosted by the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The Women in Parliaments Global Forum (www.womeninparliaments.org) is the global network of female Parliamentarians of whom there currently are around 9000. WIP provides a unique platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences and best practices through high-level summits, regional meetings, advocacy campaigns and academic studies. The Munich Security Conference (www.securityconference.de) is the major global forum for the discussion of security policy, and regularly hosts heads-of-state, ministers, as well as leading personalities of industry, media, academia, and civil society to debate current and future security challenges.

Both organisations have decided to partner with the Office of the President of Malta to host a high-level roundtable discussion on current defence issues and their influence on European foreign and defence policy. The European Defence Roundtable will give a selected group of female decision-makers an opportunity to interact in an off-the-record setting ahead of the informal meeting of EU Defence Ministers. We are planning two thematic sessions followed by a gala dinner hosted by Her Excellency, the President of Malta. A more detailed agenda will be available at a later date.

Register your participation [here](#) by not later than 28 February 2017. We very much hope to see you in Malta on 25 April. Please do not hesitate to contact the WIP Secretariat (mail@womeninparliaments.org) should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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